

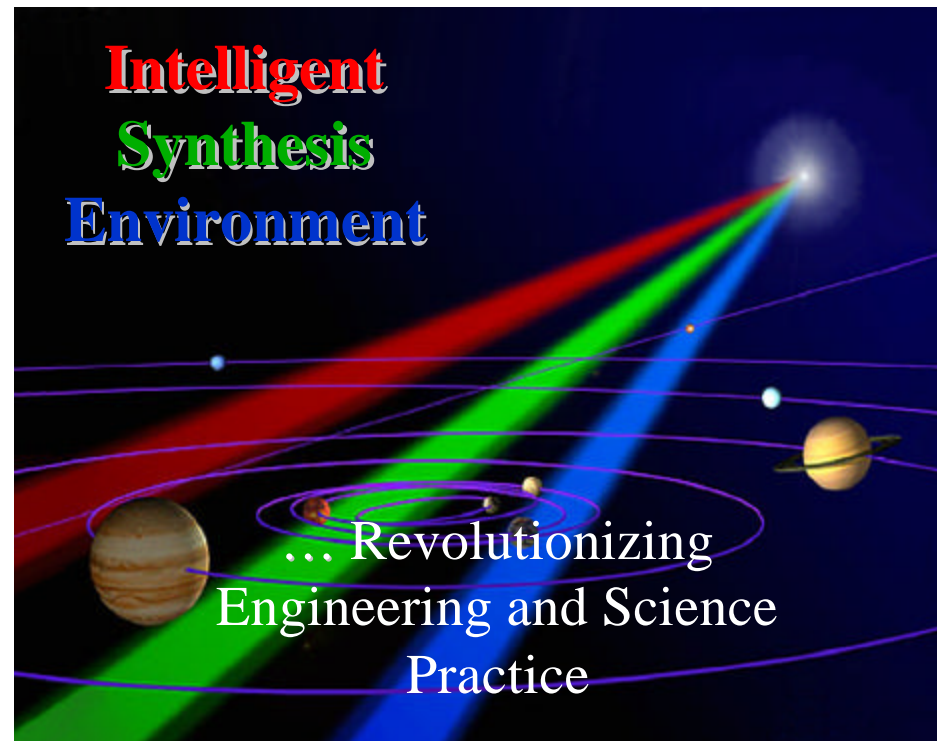


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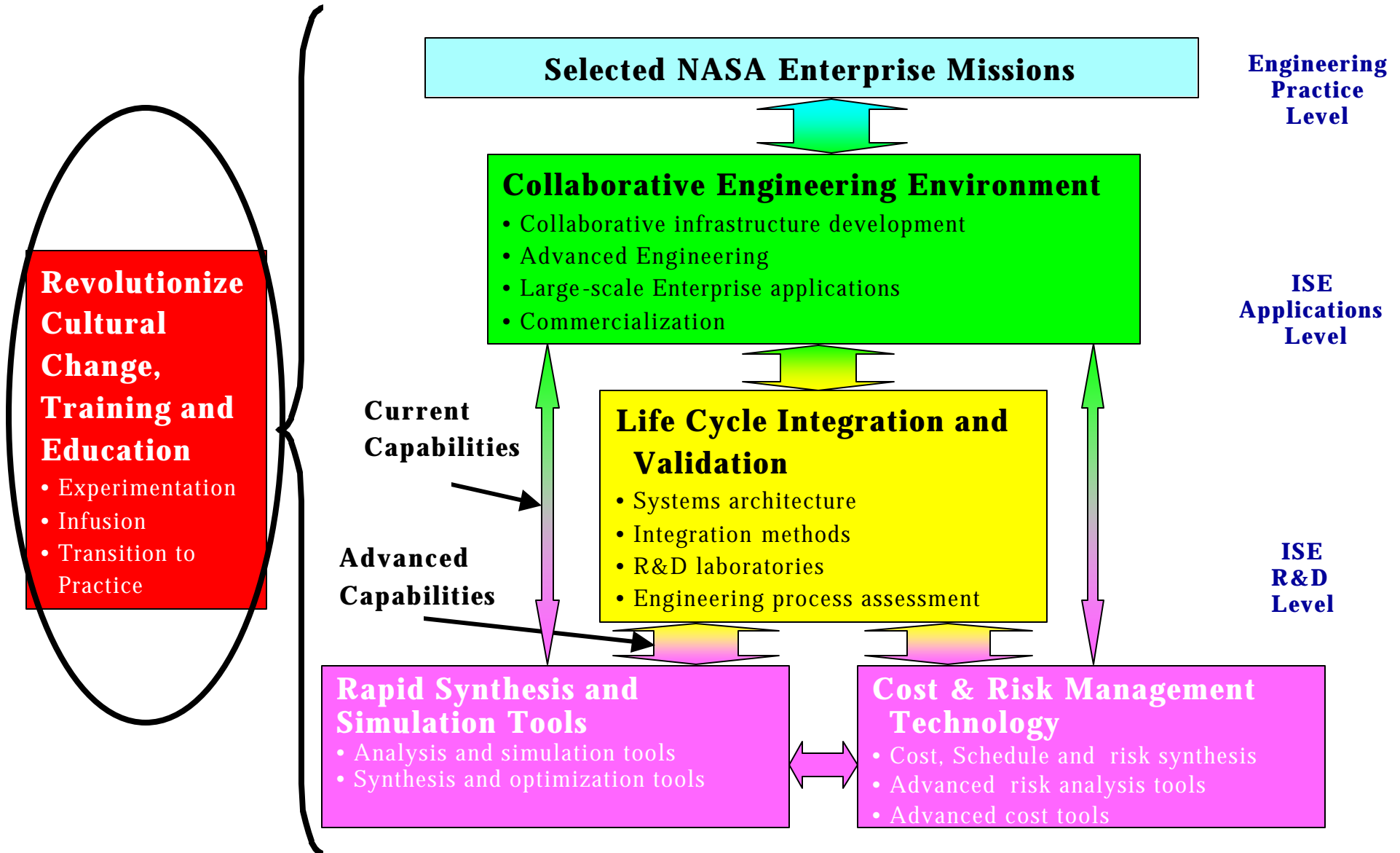


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Relationship Between ISE Elements

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Background/Problem Statement

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Most Change Initiatives Fail!!

- Historically, organizations have not paid enough attention to the cultural, psychological, organizational and social aspects of implementing advanced technologies. (Advanced Engineering Environments Report, NRC 1999)
- In a study of 100 top-management driven “corporate transformation” efforts, Harvard’s John Kotter found that more than half did not survive the initial phases. (Harvard Business Review, Mar/Apr 1995)
- Out of the hundred of corporate TQM programs studied, about two-thirds grind to a halt because of their failure to produce hope-for-results. (Arthur D. Little and McKinsey Co study published in The Economist, Apr 1992)
- Information technologies rarely have consistent effects on the performance of groups and organizations (J. Grudin, 1988)

VISION: Revolutionize NASA’s Culture, Training, and Education to enable the infusion of the ISE Initiative’s capabilities and accomplishments.



Objectives

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RCCTE is a custom blend of ISE technology (Transition Into Practice), learning research & development (Examination) and NASA policies and practices (Infusion) configured by the ISE PO to meet the specific needs of a particular Pilot Project (PP).

Infusion

- Provide an associate function to influence how programs and projects are formed and implemented
- Provide mechanisms [associate role bridging] to integrate enterprises and centers
- Provide the documentation and support to modify NASA policies & procedures that implement new management practices
- Establish a prevailing governance structure that provides management and technical teams greater autonomy as change initiatives gain broader credibility

PP2

PP1

- Establish Learning Centers (virtual learning spaces) with each CEE facility
- Develop mechanisms for linking to industry to leverage organizational learning practices
- Develop models and theories of collaborative work
- Provide a format for linking to universities
- Develop individual and collective learning programs
- Provide format for team optimization

- Develop “practice fields” for management and technical teams
- Enhance critical thinking and creativity skills for the current workforce
- Integrate CEE capabilities into NASA training programs.

Examination

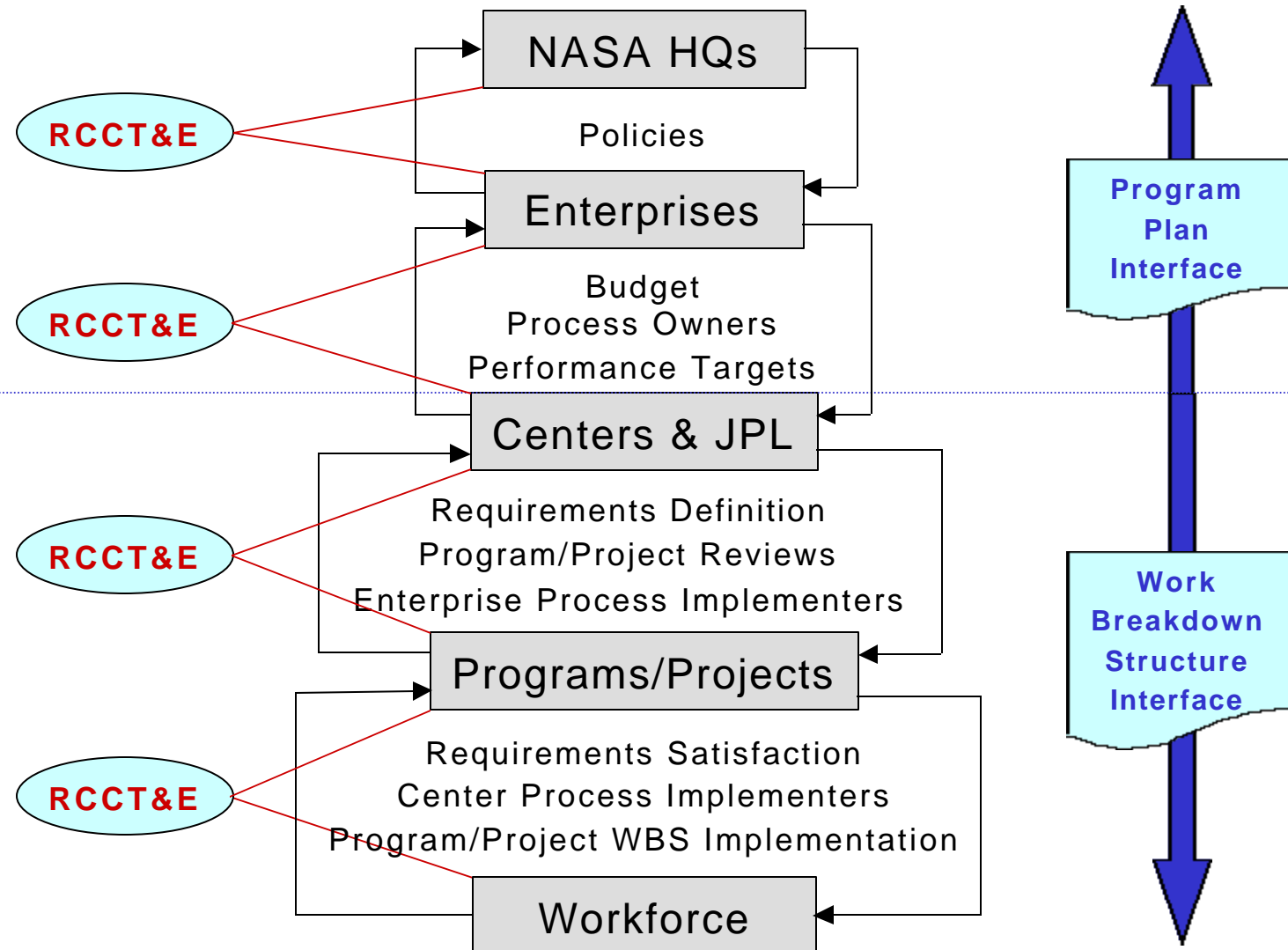
Transition Into Practice



Implementation Approach “People, Policies and Processes”

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5 Year Targets

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Deliverable 1:

Distributed, collaborative, hyper-active learning systems (for technical and management training) with state-of-the-technology multimedia and virtual reality capabilities. Implementation accomplished via practical experimentation and testing.

Key Activity 1:

Establish University Collaborative/Distributed Learning Consortium.

Key Activity 2:

Provide the feedback mechanisms to update and improve ISE related advanced learning systems based on research conducted by ISE academia partners.

Key Activity 3:

Coordinate with university consortia to develop and put into practice engineering curriculums that implement ISE capabilities and develop distributed, collaborative learning systems.

Deliverable 2:

Timely and effective learning programs coordinated with the other ISE elements to ensure NASA management can effectively use the advanced engineering and science capabilities developed by the ISE Initiative.

Key Activity 1:

Develop models and theories of collaborative work to be tested and validated in the “Learning Center” environment.

Key Activity 2:

Develop individual and collective learning processes to allow NASA’s workforce to understand the complexity and interdependent issues associated with collaborative engineering from geographically displaced locations.

Key Activity 3:

Design and develop ISE Learning Centers at each NASA center to serve as practice fields for management and technical teams.

Key Activity 4:

Reconstruct existing sequentially oriented NASA training programs to non-linear, hyper-learning environments with flexible delivery systems.



5 Year Targets (cont)

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Deliverable 3:

Guidelines, policies and processes that dissolve the rigid cultural boundaries between NASA's diverse engineering, science and management teams.

Key Activity 1:

Design an effective cross-organizational learning infrastructure that augments the natural workings of informal "communities of practice" already in existence within NASA.

Key Activity 2:

Acquire the appropriate background information and support the preparation of documentation to modify NASA policies & procedures that contribute to the elimination of cross-organizational barriers.

Key Activity 3:

Implement (in an associate role) reinforcing policies, guidelines and practices to sustain cultural change.

Deliverable 4:

Implement new and creative approaches for supporting the work and interaction of geographically displaced "virtual" teams.

Key Activity 1:

Establish a prevailing governance structure that enables the development of cross-functional, cross-boundary teams (within ISE Initiative).

Key Activity 2:

Design and implement an ISE-wide strategy for team learning, i.e., strategies that enhance a team's capacity to think and act in new synergistic ways.

Key Activity 3:

Develop a simulation capability for diverse team (both management and technical) activities and processes (including information flow, generation and prioritizing alternative mission scenarios and decision making).

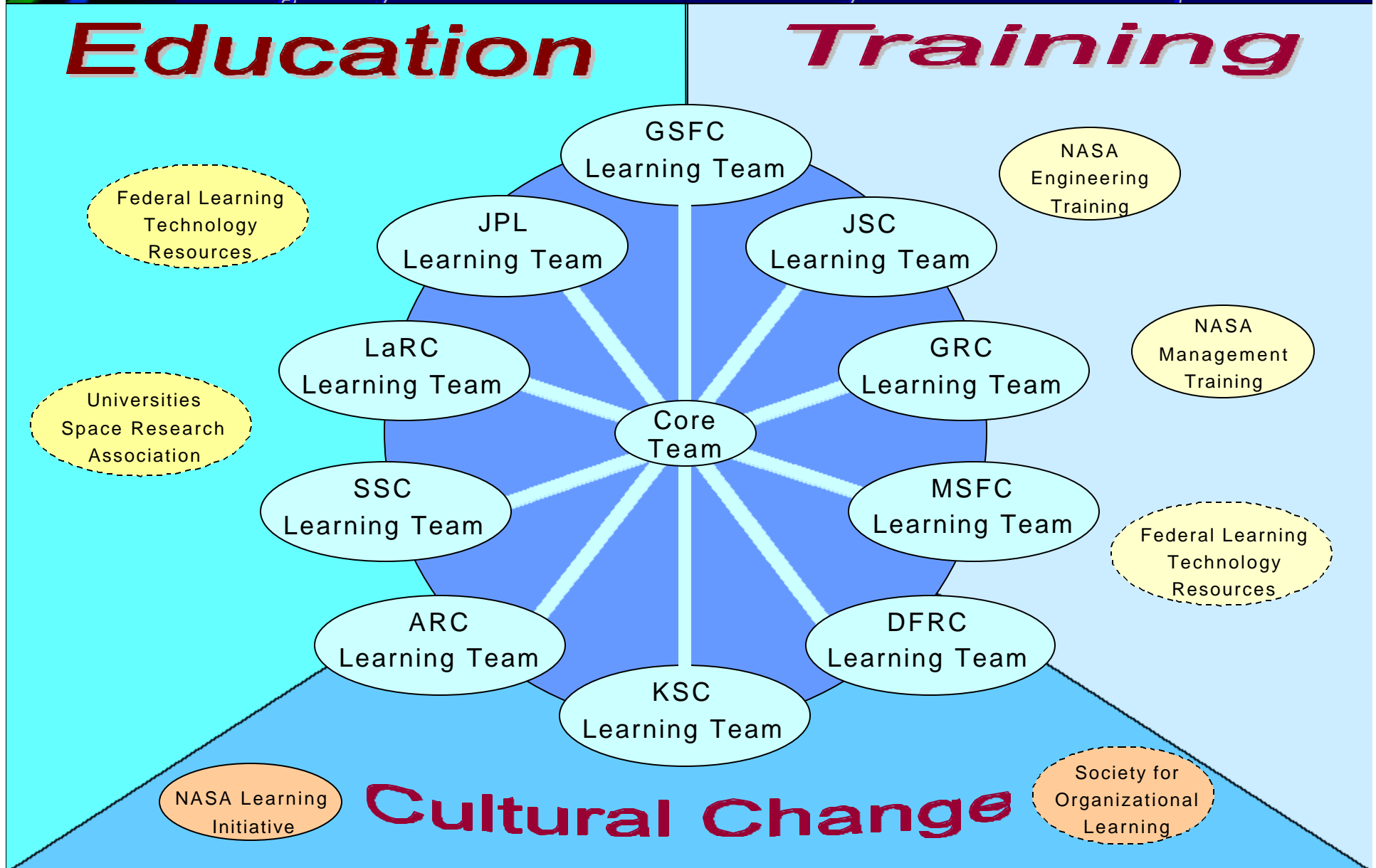
Key Activity 4:

Advance the implementation of self-directed, distributed, collaborative teams.



Industry/Academia Relationships/Interfaces

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Technology Needs

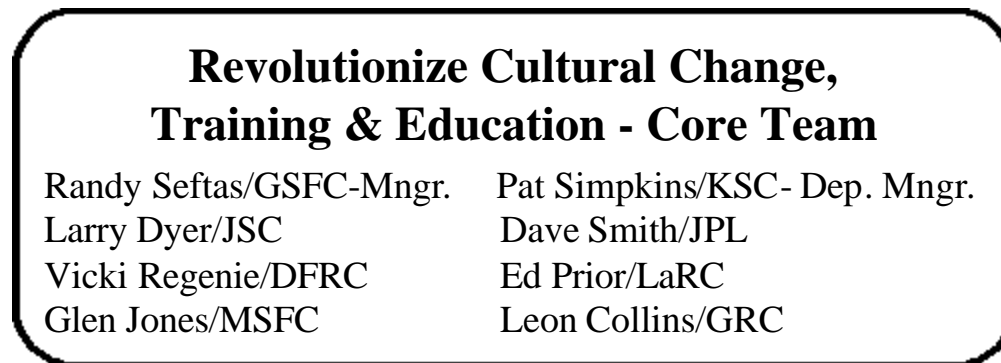
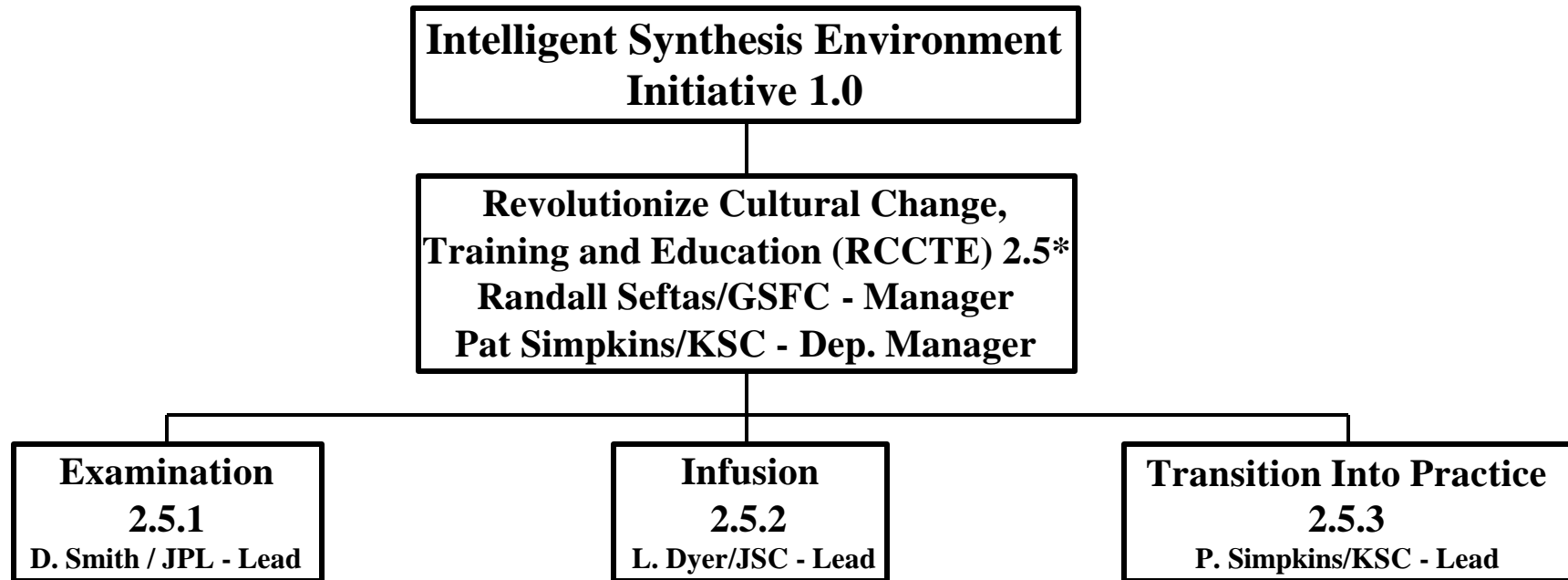
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- **Technology that Supports the Development of Hyper-Active Learning Systems (learning that is unconstrained by geographic location, time or pace of the learner)**
- **Knowledge Management Tools that Support Collaborative Engineering**
- **Simulation Capability of Human Processes Associated with Program/Project Management**
- **Technology that Supports and Advances Distributed, High Performance Teaming**
- **Advanced Training Techniques**
- **Evolve Advanced Learning Systems to the Desktop:
Prototype Learning Lab > Learning Centers > Desktop**



RCCTE Organizational Structure

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Summary

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- RCCTE is just beginning the long road to enabling NASA to change to a more collaborative culture
- Industry and academia agree with the extreme need for collaborative ways of advancing technology
- RCCTE is committed to working in partnership with industry and academia in the areas of organizational learning and development
- RCCTE desires and needs the support of the Agency, enterprises, and associated Centers in order to enhance our collaborative culture using the technologies of the ISE program.